Request for applications: American Cancer Society Institutional Research Grant

The Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center of Northwestern University is soliciting cancer-related research proposals from junior faculty who are within 6 years of their first independent faculty appointment, and who do not presently have a national research grant (K award recipients are eligible; K99/R00 awardees are not). Proposals will be funded by an American Cancer Society Institutional Research Grant. The intent of this ACS grant is to allow junior faculty to generate preliminary data which can be used to attract national funding for cancer-relevant research.

The Lurie Cancer Center will fund four proposals in 2018. Three awards will support cancer-relevant projects in any of the following categories: basic/preclinical research, clinical research, or population research. The third award will fund a cancer-relevant project in one of the following categories: 1) psychosocial and behavioral research, 2) health policy or services research, 3) cancer in poor and/or underserved populations, or 4) childhood cancers. Projects will be funded for one year at up to $30,000. Recipients of prior ACS-IRG awards may apply for a second year of funding for the same project. However, these applicants must meet the same eligibility requirements as first-time applicants.

Using Ariel 11 font throughout, please use the attached form to prepare the application. Full information regarding other support is very important. In the research description, which should be limited to 5 pages, please include an abstract, background, preliminary data (not required, include if available), research design and methods, relevance to cancer, and possible future directions. Where applicable, include a plan for data analysis. Applicants applying for a second year of funding must also include a progress report, limited to two pages. The progress report should list the status of any grant applications, presentations, or publications which have resulted from the first year of ACS-IRG funding. Do not include any important information in an appendix, as appendices may not be distributed to reviewers. In the budget, please do not request permanent equipment costing more than $2K or salary support for yourself. You may request salary support for technicians, postdoctoral fellows, etc. Please note that these awards are restricted to U.S. citizens, non-citizen nationals, or permanent residents.

Non-tenure track faculty are eligible to submit applications, provided that they have their own research space, an independent research program, and future plans to apply for national funding. A letter from the head of the research group with which these applicants are associated, affirming that these provisions are met, must accompany the application.

Applications must be submitted electronically to Benette Phillips (schallma@northwestern.edu), by Wednesday, October 25. These applications will be reviewed by an internal IRG committee, chaired by Dr. Leonidas Platanias, Director of the Lurie Cancer Center and PI of the ACS-IRG. Grant recipients will be notified in December. We strongly recommend that requests for IRB/ACUC approval be initiated at the time of application. Although approval information is not required in the application, funds cannot be made available until such approval is obtained.
Application for an Individual Allocation from American Cancer Society
Institutional Research Grant #IRG - ____________

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION
First Name, Last name, Degree(s) ______________________________________________________

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School

Citizenship Status
- U.S. citizen or noncitizen national
- Permanent resident of U.S. (attach notarized evidence as described in Instructions)

Year last degree conferred: ___________ Year of first independent position: ___________

Verification of Applicant Eligibility by Department Chair (Applicants must be within six years of their first independent research or faculty appointment, must be salaried faculty with appropriate committed research facilities, and may not have competitive national funding active at the start date of the proposed IRG allocation.)

Name of Department Chair ______________________________________________________________

Signature ___________________________________________ Date: __________

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### Other Research Support:

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### Publications (use continuation page if necessary)

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PROJECT TITLE:

DESCRIPTION OF RESEARCH PROPOSED (use continuation pages as necessary):

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TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED: ____________  TERM: from _________ to _________

BUDGET PROPOSED:

A. Personnel

B. Permanent Equipment

C. Supplies

D. Miscellaneous

BUDGET JUSTIFICATION: